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TFID OPEN HOUSE IN ALBUQUERQUE

ALBUQUERQUE –On Thursday May 24, TFID hosted an open house to show off its new facilities at the Bank of the West Building, in Albuquerque.

- Attendees at the TFID-TRD Open House on Thursday, May 24 included staff from the United States Attorney's Office-District of New Mexico; Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI); Internal Revenue Service (IRS)-Criminal Investigation (CI), Special Enforcement Program (SEP) and the Examination (Audit); New Mexico Public Accountancy Board; New Mexico Society of CPAs; Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department; New Mexico Department of Game and Fish; City of Albuquerque-Aviation and several prominent CPA firms including Meyners+Company, LLC and Accounting & Consulting Group, LLP and prominent law firms including Lieuwen Law Firm.
- The Tax Fraud Investigations Division (TFID) was created by Secretary Jan Goodwin on February 3, 2003 when she hired Alvan Romero to become the Director of the newly created Division. House Bill # 411 which was carried by House Speaker Ben Lujan during the 1st Session of the 47th Legislature passed on March 17, 2005 and made TFID permanent by statute once Governor Bill Richardson signed the bill into law on June 17, 2005.
- Initially, for FY 2003, TFID was allotted a \$1 Million non-recurring budget to establish a criminal enforcement arm to investigate criminal tax violations against the State of New Mexico aimed at bringing voluntary tax compliance to the State of New Mexico.
- In October 2005 TFID was given the expanded responsibility of establishing an Internal Investigations Bureau and an Internal Audit Bureau.
- So, currently TFID is made up of four bureaus; Tax Fraud Investigations Bureau, Forensic Audit Bureau, Internal Investigations Bureau and the Internal Audit Bureau. The TFID staff of 33 is made up of Special Agents specializing in Tax Fraud Investigations, Forensic Tax Auditors, Special Agents investigating violations committed by Department employees and crimes committed against the Department or crimes committed using Department equipment or Department documents, and Internal Auditors. Additionally, TFID has a designated prosecutor that specializes in the prosecution of tax fraud and tax evasion cases and white-collar crimes.

- TFID is quite strong, professionally speaking. Currently, TFID has 6 former retired Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Special Agents or Revenue Agents, 9 Certified Public Accountants (CPAs), 12 Certified Fraud Examiners (CFEs) and 2 Attorneys.

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